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Coronavirus Death Connected to California Cruise Ship

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Crown Princess cruise ship docked in the waters off Santa Barbara in 2015 (Photo: Steve Bissell)

By edhat staff

California's first coronavirus death came from a cruise ship that's scheduled to dock in Santa Barbara later this month.

The state reported its first death due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on Wednesday. The victim is a Placer County man who recently took a cruise.

Officials believe the victim contracted the virus on a February 11-21 cruise aboard the Grand Princess that traveled between San Francisco and Mexico. The unidentified man is described as being 71-years-old with underlying health conditions.

The Grand Princess cruise ship cancelled its travel plans and is now headed back to the San Francisco area with 2,500 people on board. It's unclear exactly where it will dock.

"Public health officials have advised that no guests will be permitted to disembark until all results have been received," Princess Cruises said in a statement. However, not everyone onboard will be tested but only identified groups of guests and crew determined by the CDC, reports CNN.

There are approximately 21 people onboard who have developed symptoms of illness.

"There are fewer than 100 guests and crew identified for testing, including all in-transit guests (guests who were on the previous Mexico voyage and remained onboard for the current Hawaii voyage), those guests and crew who have experienced influenza-like illness symptoms on this voyage, and guests currently under care for respiratory illness," according to the cruise line.

CRUISE SHIPS AND SANTA BARBARA

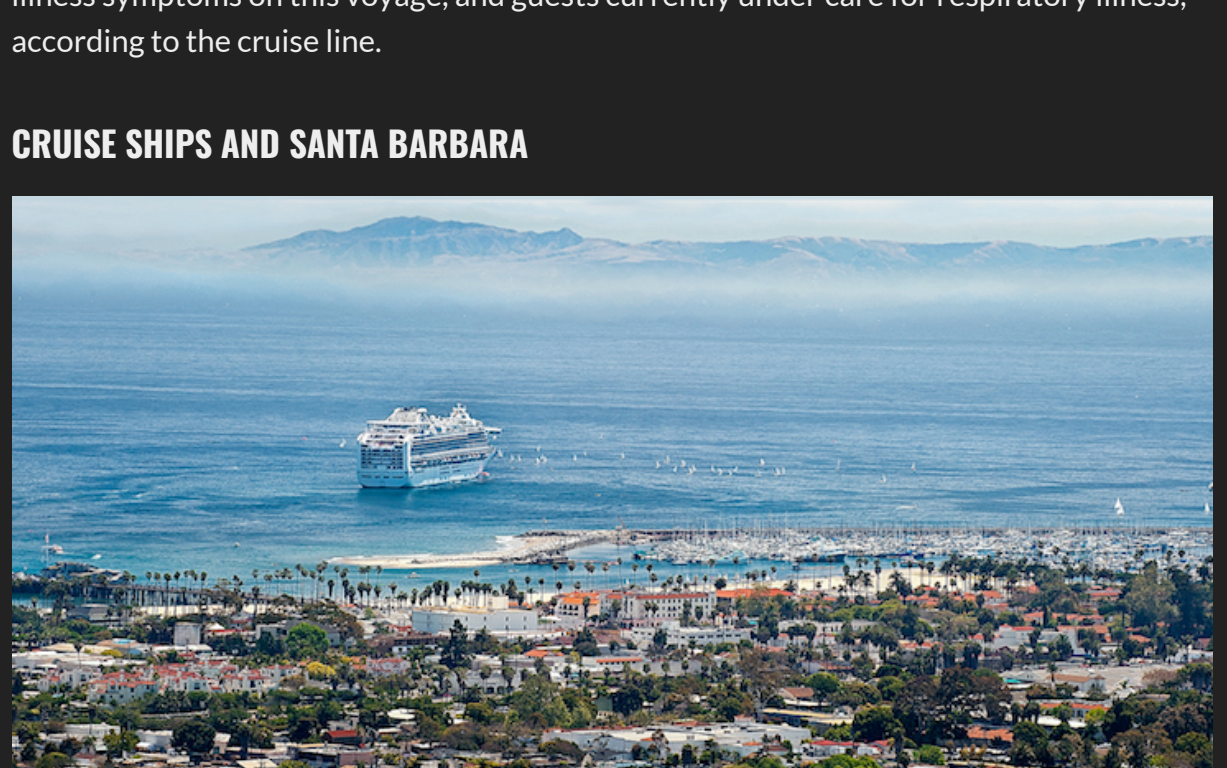

Photo: Patti Gutshall

As of Thursday, there are no cases of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County. Officials state the health risk to the public remains low at this time.

Santa Barbara County officials and the Public Health Department (PHD) state they have been planning and preparing should COVID-19 be identified in the county.

The Amadea cruise ship arrived on Wednesday morning and departed in the evening. On March 24, the Grand Princess cruise ship, the same ship that carried an infected passenger who died this week and is headed to San Francisco, is scheduled to arrive in Santa Barbara. It's unknown if this ship will still continue with its scheduled trip.

As of now, the City of Santa Barbara stated it has not cancelled any scheduled cruise ship visits but will continue to monitor the situation and take actions based on recommendations from the PHD and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The CDC and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) are tasked with evaluating each incoming cruise ship and will not allow it to port/disembark in Santa Barbara unless it is deemed safe to do so, according to the City of Santa Barbara.

CORONAVIRUS IN CALIFORNIA

There are currently 36 active cases of COVID-19 in California as Governor Gavin Newsom announced a State of Emergency yesterday due to the rapid spread of the virus. Newsom made the declaration to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19.

“The State of California is deploying every level of government to help identify cases and slow the spread of this coronavirus,” said Governor Newsom. “This emergency proclamation will help the state further prepare our communities and our health care system in the event it spreads more broadly.”

The emergency proclamation includes provisions that protect consumers against price gouging, allow for health care workers to come from out of state to assist at health care facilities, and give health care facilities the flexibility to plan and adapt to accommodate incoming patients. Millions of N95 masks were released as the state secured the capacity to test thousands of specimens from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to expedite testing.

Los Angeles County is reporting seven confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of Wednesday. One person is hospitalized and five are isolated in their home while being monitored.

Many of the cases in California are travel-related, according to the California Department of Public Health. The first case of unknown origin was a patient admitted to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento in February. This prompted new testing guidelines from the CDC.

OFFICIALS URGE PUBLIC TO STOP PANICKING

Photo: John Wiley

Many officials are urging the general population not to panic and to take the same general precautions during the regular flu season.

Edhat reader John Wiley posted a photo of empty store shelves in Costco this week sparking a discussion about panic. What do the experts say? There's no need to panic-buy supplies.

“Panic-buying happens when people worry about the scarcity of supplies,” says Steven Taylor, professor and clinical psychologist at the University of British Columbia, who specializes in the psychology of pandemics. “Some people rush to supermarkets and so forth in the hope of getting ahead of the crowd. But in reality, those people are simple panic-buyers who happen to arrive early,” reports NBC News.

Stop the spread of germs by:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw it in the trash
- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands, use your elbow if needed
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as door handles, cell phones, and keys.
- Washin your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home if you are sick. If your symptoms worsen, call your doctor first before visiting their office.

The Center for Disease Control does NOT recommend using face masks. Facemasks are not efficient at preventing the spread of COVID-19. Facemasks should ONLY be worn by people showing symptoms of the disease. Unless you or a close family member is showing symptoms of COVID-19, avoid wearing a facemask.

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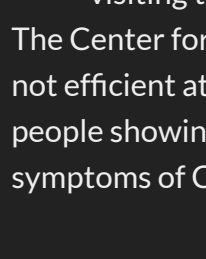

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HAMMERTIME MAR 06, 2020 08:31 AM

People should be aware that as of yesterday there were 3 cases of people with suspected infections at cottage in isolation, and approximately 7 more isolated at their homes. Cottage currently has no ability to run tests and are dependent to wait 3 days to get test results back.

SANTABARBARAOBSERVER MAR 06, 2020 08:12 AM

I for one do not trust that our City or County officials can manage this or any other disastrous situation. After their gross negligent handling of the mudslide evacuations, their disastrous handling of the drought and the fact that our Mayor has proven to be an abject moron and completely inept nincompoop. The City is not going to do anything right when it comes to preparing or managing a pandemic. Take responsibility for your own life and family and do everything you can to prevent infection. DO NOT listen to the city leaders, they are woefully inept and incapable of managing the benign operations of our city let alone something as dangerous as a pandemic.

SB_93117 MAR 06, 2020 08:23 AM

100% agree!

A-1583513090 MAR 06, 2020 07:27 AM

How much does the city make inviting cruise ships? What is the tax receipt increase? Approx. how many vendors are positively affected? Granted, the expectation is a vast money supply finds its way into the registers of multiple businesses and it's not easy to track. But there's certainly a top 10. Once the city comprehends what's being earned, then, what do they sacrifice by cancelling all cruise ship entry? Is the money still worth it? Do fewer people cruise anyway thus dollar spending is going down even with ships? Is there now incentive to negotiate with cruise companies for some type of subsidy?

A-1583513090 MAR 06, 2020 07:47 AM

The city makes several hundred thousand dollars each time these ships dip into town. Plus, our local businesses do quite well indeed.

LAZYJ MAR 06, 2020 07:04 AM

We have TOP PEOPLE working on this https://youtu.be/Fdjf4lMmiil

ROGER MAR 06, 2020 08:23 AM

The Bottom people are going to be the ones that die.

MARATHONER MAR 06, 2020 12:06 AM

Proverbial curse, "may you live in interesting times", here and now. Gov won't allow them to dock until SOME passengers are tested. But if any are positive, ALL passengers must be quarantined. IMHO. " Health officials in Placer County, where the man died, said he was "likely exposed" to the virus on board the Grand Princess. The 62 passengers who may have come in contact with the man who died are now being confined to their staterooms on board..."

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 11:47 PM

Will masks be provided at the City Council meeting? If they are holding a public meeting during a health crisis then the public needs to be protected. It also is only a matter of time before we have cases here. Hope this isn't another meeting where staff Pat's themselves on the back and the council falls all over themselves to say how wonderful they are.

NATURE BOY MAR 05, 2020 09:42 PM

Great misleading & confusing article!! A quote from it: “California's first coronavirus death came from a cruise ship that's scheduled to dock in Santa Barbara later this month” then a few paragraphs later: “The Grand Princess cruise ship cancelled its travel plans and is now headed back to the San Francisco area.” WOW what great panic-media. Please, at a time like this, just report FACTS.

SB_93117 MAR 06, 2020 08:25 AM

I read the exact same confusing wording in this and am frustrated by the misleading verbiage. Also, in a recent newscast, it was confirmed that NOT ALL of the people on the ship where the man died will be test. WHY THE FREAKING HECK NOT??? EVERYONE on board should be tested!!

JQB MAR 06, 2020 01:04 AM

It cancelled its plans to go to Ensenada--the interary was SF/Hawaii/Ensenada/SF. The coast cruise that docks in SB is a different cruise on the same ship: SF/SB/LA/San Diego/Ensenada/SF.

SHASTA GUY MAR 05, 2020 04:49 PM

All it takes is someone taking the 4hr drive down the 101 from Santa Clara to bring the virus to our community. Or a flight from Santa Clara to SBA. With cases popping up all over the Bay Area now, it wouldn’t surprise me if the first carriers are already walking among us. If you are elderly or have comprised health you need to heed all the precautions we’ve been getting bombarded with for weeks now. It’s just like the Thomas Fire: when it was near Ojai it was far away and we were complacent, but now it’s worked its way to Carp and now it seems serious.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 07:49 PM

The Diamond Princess had the highest infection rate in the world. https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR3NVBFrl_ZO0PKcOEQlepn-ga9ja5mcVQcc5A8FlhT6fbKAeeAy9hcV1ko#countries

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 06:24 PM

Another similar saying: do you prepare the road for the child; or prepare the child for the road. No one has found a cure for the common cold either. SFGate (SF Chronicle website) has one of the best articles out so far: How do you tell the difference between Corona, influenza and the common cold. Highly recommended read.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 05:42 PM

SF is scary enough but, daily large gatherings indoors is bound to have effects. Preparing for quarantine is last months news. From this point on it may be best to prepare for contracting it. Eat better, exercise, get fresh air etc... You know all the things we all say were going to do more of, one day. This is likely that day.

BOBBYK MAR 05, 2020 05:29 PM

They are almost impossible to completely decontaminate too.

SHASTA GUY MAR 05, 2020 05:22 PM

The cruise ships are now just big incubators, and I’d hate to be on one now. With the state of emergency declared I’m hoping to see restrictions start taking place. There’s no stopping this thing now. All one can do now is have fastidious hygienic behaviors. I have a daughter in SF right now for a college semester away which is a cause of worry.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 05:06 PM

SHASTA: Agree completely, I have no doubt that there is likely at least 1 person here with it, unknowingly. But in my book, that doesn't mean we want hundreds here. The fewer ppl here with it, the lower the chance of a massive outbreak. Vice versa - if 100 ppl are here with it, the more ppl those 100 can infect. We should be doing everything we can to contain. Allowing cruise ships to dock is not essential - and should not be happening.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 05:03 PM

SHASTA: Well said. Chances are that it's in a lot of places. The whole world is definitely feeling it and the fact that cruise ships and airports are still operating is puzzling. The world is definitely going to be a cleaner place for a little while as people change filthy habits, but in the end this will blow over and people will return to wiping their asses and then serving food.

TAGDES MAR 05, 2020 04:32 PM

Just a quick update since this thread is about the Grand Princess....3 hours ago 2 CA Nat'l Guard, rather than the USCG, copters dropped off the test kits which are to be picked up later tonight and flown to Richmond for testing which should reportedly take 4 hours. It's been announced on the ship that they are not docking in SF tonight and although they may leave their cabins to stay 6' away from others . Ship at 11.1 kn, NNW and about 75 miles offshore.

NATURE BOY MAR 05, 2020 09:45 PM

Just to be clear, the Grand Princess is NOT near Santa Barbara, despite what this article suggests.

TAGDES MAR 05, 2020 06:04 PM

Now confined to their staterooms.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 03:10 PM

Every article on this topic talks about the $Millions cruise ships bring into S. B. Write the mayor and City Council Members and tell them we don’t care about the measly $Millions, we want NO crew or passengers here until the pandemic is over. Perea is assistant to the mayor and council members. Send a copy to Salud. HPerea@SantaBarbaraca.gov

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 11:35 PM

Paul Casey, George Buell, Andrew Stuffer, Renee Brooke, Rob Dayton & Rebecca Bjork to start with.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 06:46 PM

Give us a break. Cruise ships only started coming to S. B. five or six years ago. The city will survive without their income.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 05:47 PM

5:41. EASY SOLUTION: All the city officials who refuse to go aboard and give each and every passenger, and each and every crew-member, aboard each and every cruise ship, a nice big warm Santa Barbara Handshake and a Hug.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 05:41 PM

Cruise ships bring in about $4 million dollars to city coffers. At $100,000 per city employee, which forty city employees do want to send a pick slips. Name names, if you like.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 03:17 PM

Here I'll start..... "Dearest Idiots of the City Council. We, the soon to be infected taxpayers of your city, understand your inherent need to have greed as a prerequisite for your positions, and we understand your economic reliance upon the greed of others to 'keep the wheels of the city rolling'. Wink!Wink!... But a virus is a virus and they are very, very small HINT: (you cant see them with your eyes) and most viruses are bad. So in order to ....

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:46 PM

Los Angeles tourists need to be stopped from coming to Santa Barbara for the weekend. All weddings and events, like Solstice, 4th of July, Fiesta..., need to be canceled. Anything where more than a few people will be gathered really needs to be rethought now. The city council is holding a meeting on this issue next week. I urge everyone to be there or to send an email to the city council demanding that they prohibit cruise ships, large events and activities until further notice. We cannot risk residents' health for short-term gain of sales tax. Send an email to: SBCityCouncil@SantaBarbaraCA.Gov

JQB MAR 06, 2020 01:19 AM

"Don’t listen to trump" -- Certainly don't *believe* him. Even when he's not flat-out lying, he doesn't know what he's talking about. "he said it’s OK to go to work if you have symptoms" -- No, he did not say that, although what he did say isn't a whole lot better: https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/03/05/utahs-coronavirus/

NATURE BOY MAR 05, 2020 09:50 PM

3130 Is that sarcastic or for reals?

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 07:56 PM

The majority of working Americans do not have either one or all three of the following: health care insurance, child care, or paid sick leave. So how can folks leave their jobs to stay home if sick , or take care of their children when schools or close, or go to a doctor for help if seriously ill? Of the larger democracies our safety net is extremely thin, and about to be shredded further if more cuts are allowed by the proposed federal budget.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 06:44 PM

If you get the symptoms , YES, stay home. If you are in an at risk group - elderly or with health issues, yes, stay home now as much as possible. These are common sense suggestions. P.S. Don’t listen to trump as today he said it’s OK to go to work if you have symptoms.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:55 PM

You need to do what you need to do but I agree there is an outbreak in LA, they need to stay there and not come here like they often do!

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:57 PM

As for going to the store - go at off hours when there's less people and if you use self checkout spray the machine. Clean/wash your hands immediately after you leave and again when you get home.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:52 PM

2:46 - What about Earth Day? What about little league games? What about going to the store? What about work? Should we just all stay in our homes? Seriously...what should we do?

9310193441 MAR 05, 2020 02:39 PM

Death Rate for High Risk Groups is much higher than the Government is currently stating. These numbers need to be circulated to ensure that residents know their general risk. https://www.onclive.com/web-exclusives/oncologists-must-stay-current-on-coronavirus-developments

SBLETSGETALONG MAR 05, 2020 02:22 PM

Why is preparing before an event panic buying? It’s smart. Waiting until there is a case in SB or a quarantine will cause panic buying. And between fires and earthquakes everyone should have supplies at home anyway. The virus arriving in SB is only a matter of time regardless of cruise ships, but cruise ships with that many people caged up together and set loose on a community will speed up the arrival. Look at how many cases have occurred or appeared on cruise ships already. And apparently a person can be a carrier without exhibiting any symptoms in the beginning. Don’t panic, but be smart. Wash your hands well, do t touch things you do t need to, don’t shake hands and if someone e had a cough, leave the area quietly. Do t spread panic, be smart and be prepared.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 02:31 PM

GETALONG. Don't panic when buying rice and beans in 50lb sacks and water by the cistern, one BPA-Free 5oz bottle at a time. Do it VERY calmly. Prepare for the next bumfire, incoming disease or bumrising. The "New Normal" maintains a 180 day supply of ammo, rice, beans and 5oz water bottles.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:29 PM

Panic buying causes shortages and others cannot get what they need b/c of the stockpiling and hoarding. It's a 2 week incubation. You can pretty much order anything online if you find yourself quarantined. Buy what you need for the next 2 weeks assuming you get it today, then replenish if need be but emptying shelves is ridiculous. Especially of water when taps will be running just fine. Even if you do run out of TP there are other alternatives in a dire emergency situation (which is VERY unlikely)

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 05, 2020 02:15 PM

EVEN MORE UPDATED SOLUTION: The Channel Islands Corona Virus Quarantine Resort Community Summer Camp and Used Cruise Ship Sales.... Relax in the fresh air of the Pacific while your cruise ship is disinfected and sterilized with the latest in radioactive technology, making it sell-able to many nations with limited health and safety laws. Enjoy weeks of leisurely strolls on the sand until your quarantine lifts. Meet interesting people from all over the world. Taste the finest catered food. Every meal as if it were your last. Make each moment count and remember your visit to Santa Barbara.

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 02:07 PM

Results of autopsies are starting to come out. This thing can cause permanent lung damage and immune system damage. Why are they allowing any ships right now and potentially inviting the risk? At this point we need to do everything we can to minimize the chance of this spreading. Period.

JQB MAR 05, 2020 06:06 PM

Chinese government media, so take that into account, but this doctor talks about the need for more autopsies and the danger of performing them: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OXP7_aawUs

JQB MAR 05, 2020 06:16 PM

This says that Chinese scientists have done 12 autopsies. Some overlap between this video and the other one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw-zXURqWe8

BOBBYK MAR 05, 2020 06:03 PM

D V's don't change the truth .

BOBBYK MAR 05, 2020 05:36 PM

Lung damage that leads to Heart Failure .

A-1583513090 MAR 05, 2020 03:47 PM

2:07. Here is the sole autopsy report published in Lancet on the one Wuhan patient., You are wildly misrepresenting what they found. Pays to read the original source material instead of passing on sensationalized hysteria-mongering third hand reports. Thanks for bringing this to our attention.:.... LANCET: Pathological findings of COVID-19 associated with acute respiratory distress syndrome Zhe Xu, MD † Lei Shi, MD † Yijin Wang, PhD † Jiyuan Zhang, PhD Lei Huang, MD Chao Zhang, PhD et al. Published:February 18, 2020DOI:https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30076-X

HAMMERTIME MAR 05, 2020 01:54 PM

https://mailchi.mp/esicm/the-future-of-haemodynamic-monitoring-first-webinar-of-the-year-1009715 We are so unprepared for this. 10% of cases in Italy end up in ICU...

ADAMVANT MAR 05, 2020 01:07 PM

Anyone contemplating a cruise should get a stern warning so they won't bow to pressure and regret their decision afterward.

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